

**REMARKS**

**I. Summary of Office Action**

In the Office Action, the Office required restriction under 35 U.S.C. § 121 to one of the following Groups:

Group I, drawn to a waste storage device including a waste storage cassette rotator, and reading on Claims 1-6 and 16;

Group II, drawn to a waste storage device, and reading on claims 7-10;

Group III, drawn to a waste storage device comprising a throat, and reading on claims 11-13;

Group IV, drawn to a waste storage device comprising a waste cassette chamber lid, and reading on claims 14-15; and

Group V, drawn to a waste storage cassette, and reading on Claim 17.

Applicants submit that the Application is in condition for allowance and respectfully requests same.

**II. Election**

In response to the restriction requirement, Applicants elect to prosecute the claims of Group I, Claims 1-6 and 16. Applicants encourage Examiner to contact the undersigned if some deficiency in this Response is perceived.

**III. Preliminary Amendment**

Applicants request entry of the preliminary amendments to the claims submitted herewith. Claim 1 has been rewritten to incorporate the subject matter of cancelled Claim 3. The new claims are for the most part merely forms of the unelected Group II through Group V rewritten to depend from the elected Group I, or, in the case of Claims 19 and 36, new independent claims drawn to the elected subject matter, namely to a waste storage device including a rotatable waste storage cassette. No new matter has been added.

Upon entry of the amendments, Claims 1, 2, 18-36 remain pending. Claims 7 through 17 have been cancelled without prejudice to reintroduce in this application or a subsequent continuation.

**IV. Conclusion**

Applicants submit that the Application is in condition for allowance and respectfully request same.

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